

PART 2000 - GENERAL

Subpart U - Memorandum of Understanding Between U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines (BOM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration (USDA - FmHA) (Business and Industrial Loans)

§2000.1001 General.

The BOM covers a broad spectrum of program activities including mining systems, processes involving mineral substances, eliminating occupational health and safety hazards, economic development and resource conservation. The memorandum (Exhibit A) has been developed to establish an effective liaison and coordination of activities between the two agencies to review loan applications submitted by mining and mineral processing businesses and industries.

§2000.1002 Reaching Agreement with BOM.

The BOM State Liaison Officers, or their designees, and the FmHA State Directors, or their designees, are the official contact at the State level and are responsible for implementing this agreement.

§2000.1003 State supplements.

State Directors may issue State supplements, to the extent necessary to properly implement the policies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

§§2000.1004 - 2000.1050 [Reserved]

Attachment: Exhibit A

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Mines

and

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farmers Home Administration

I. BACKGROUND:

The Department of the Interior (DOI) has responsibilities for conservation and management of natural resources in the United States, including 500 million acres of Federal land, the Outer Continental Shelf lands, Indian lands, the territories, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, for research and investigation necessary to understand and develop minerals, and water resources of the United States; and for research covering health and safety of persons engaged in mining and extraction.

The Bureau of Mines (BOM) role in helping DOI to carry out its responsibilities is to conduct inquiries and scientific and technologic investigations concerning mining, and the preparation, treatment, and utilization of mineral substances with a view to improving health conditions, and increasing safety, efficiency, economic development, and conserving resources through the prevention of waste in the mining, quarrying, metallurgical, and other mineral industries; to investigate on behalf of the Government minerals and unfinished mineral products belonging to, or for the use of, the United States, with a view to their most efficient mining, preparation, treatment and use (30.U.S.C.3).

BOM activities cover a broad spectrum of programs involved with mining, processing minerals substances, eliminating occupational health and safety hazards in the mineral industries, economic development, and resource conservation. Professional engineers and scientists involved with these programs are to be made available to review and comment on environmental impact assessment and statements, and to review, assess, and comment on economic and technical aspects of feasibility studies that relate to mining and the preparation, treatment, and utilization of mineral substances. Areas where BOM has expertise are as follows:

- ..Mining systems that affect productivity and efficiency of metal and non-metal mining operations.
- ..Processes that beneficiate, recover and purify minerals and metals.
- ..Processes that control, reduce or eliminate environmental problems associated with the extraction of minerals, metals and fuels.
- ..Processes that control environmental disturbances associated with current mining operations and the reclamation of mine lands.

- ..Processes that restore abandoned mined lands and that control subsidence caused by mining and fires in inactive mines.
- ..Processes affecting pollution abatement and secondary resource recovery of mineral substances and metal values.
- ..Reeearch on safety and health problems related to mining and mineral processing operations (including respirable dust, fires and explosion prevention, industrial hygiene, radiation hazards, post disaster survival and rescue, ground control ventilation, noise, and system engineering).

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is authorized to make and guarantee loans for stated purposes under the consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to describe the services that are to be provided by the BOM and FmHA on loans to be made to the mining and mineral processing industries.

III. BOM CONTRIBUTION:

A. Consistent with other priorities and resources available, the BOM will offer technical assistance as described below on loan applications submitted by the mining and mineral processing businesses and industries:

1. Review and comment on environmental impact assessments and statements.
2. Review, assess and comment on economic and technical aspects of feasibility studies that relate to the mining, preparation, treatment and utilization of mineral substances.
3. Prepare written reports to FmHA on items 1 and 2 above.

B. BOM will not review loan applications concerned with production of fuel minerals, except insofar as the environmental and/or health and safety aspects may be involved.

IV. FmHA CONTRIBUTION:

FmHA will perform the following services:

1. Process loan applications received from the mining and mineral processing businesses and industries of the United States.
2. Provide BOM with a copy of the lender's pre-application letter to FmHA. This may include any copies of feasibility studies or FmHA's environmental impact assessments or statements.

V. MADE OF OPERATION:

FmHA will reimburse BOM for actual costs incurred, where BOM is permitted to charge such costs, including costs of personnel, overhead, travel, etc.

as routinely recorded in the BOM accounting systems. To implement this Memorandum of Understanding, FmHA will request BOM to perform a specific review and BOM will prepare a cost estimate for the requested service before the work will begin. When agreement is reached, FmHA will issue an Interagency Agreement in the form of a purchase order or other document in accordance with FmHA regulations.

VI. LIAISON:

The BOM State Liaison Officers are to be the official contact at the State level and the Office of the Associate Director--Mineral and Materials Supply/Demand Analysis is to have the responsibility of implementing this agreement. See appendix A for information related to State Liaison Officers name, office address, and State or States responsibility.

The FmHA State Directors, or their designees are to be the official contacts at the State level and are to be responsible for implementing this agreement. See appendix B for FmHA State Director's.

VII. AUTHORITY:

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into pursuant to the appropriate authorities of each agency as cited in Article I above and Section 601 of the Economy Act of 1932, as amended (31 U.S.C. 686).

VIII. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT:

This Agreement becomes effective upon the signature of both parties and will remain in effect until September 30, 1980, unless extended by mutual consent of both parties.

Amendment of this agreement, in whole or in part, may be accomplished by written mutual agreement of both parties. Termination of this agreement may be accomplished by either party upon 60 days notice in writing.

/s/ J.E.T for

/s/

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Exhibit A - Addendum not automated see manual

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